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SUBJ: PROPOSED CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO

1. GIVEN AN ACCUMULATION OF SUBJECTS ON WHICH I BELIEVE TALK WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO TO BE DESIRABLE, I ASKED ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER SJARISUTHAJEB JULY 11 TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT. I HAVE ALSO CONVEYED SIMILAR DESIRE TO GENERAL PANGGABEAN, MINISTER OF STATE SUDHARMONO AND FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK BEFORE HE LEFT FOR EASTERN EUROPE. WHILE I CANNOT BE SURE OF RESULTS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS WILL COME THROUGH EITHER BEFORE OR, PERHAPS IN CONNECTION WITH, ALDRICH VISIT (REFTEL JAKARTA 7798).

2. ALL SIGNS SUGGEST THAT HOSE MAJOR DECISIONS BEING MADE ARE MORE AND MORE BEING MADE BY PRESIDENT SUHARTO IN BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FIELDS. WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE ECHOS THAT SOME OF HIS ADVISORS ARE SUGGESTING THAT OUR AID REDUCTIONS ARE RELATED TO INDONESIA'S OPENNESS TOWARD EASTERN EUROPE. AN EARLY VISIT WOULD ENABLE ME TO COUNTER THIS MISREADING AND COULD ALSO ASSIST US IN ASSESSING PRESIDENT'S OWN ATTITUDE TOWARD WHAT WE DO HERE.

3. SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS, I WOULD PROPOSE, IF APPOINTMENT COMES THROUGH, TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) REITERATE JOINT INTEREST OF GOI AND USG IN PRESERVA-

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TION OF NON-COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND

CAMBODIA; B) TOWARD THAT GOAL, STRESS IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED ICCS AND INDONESIAN ROLE THEREIN, AND OF MAINTAINING STATUS QUO WITH RESPECT TO INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF VIETNAM ENTITIES; C) REVIEW OUR SPECIAL EFFORT ON LAW OF THE SEA; D) OUTLINE COURSE OF OUR TENTATIVE THINKING DURING CURRENT TRANSITIONAL PHASE IN US-GOI AID RELATIONSHIPS (ECONOMIC AND MILITARY); E) REVIEW RECENT ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF INDONESIAN DEVELOPMENT, SOME REPRESENTING FIRST STEPS IN TRANSITION, COVERING:

- 1) U.S. SUPPORT AT LAST IGGI MEETING;
 - 2) NEW LOANS APPROVED FOR FY 74 AID PROGRAM;
 - 3) INDONESIAN EXIM BANK MISSION;
 - 4) MILITARY ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING REVIEW OF CURRENT MAP AND FMS TRANSACTIONS (INCLUDING :130BS), SALE OF OV-10S AND DELIVERY OF TWO DES IN DECEMBER;
 - 5) OUR INTENTION TO REQUEST CONCESSIONAL ASSISTANCE UNDER MAP AND AID PROGRAMS IN FY 75;
 - 6) CONTINUING PROBLEMS IN U.S. WITH ASSISTANCE FOR INDONESIA, STRESSING AT SAME TIME EXECUTIVE BRANCH INTENTION TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM OF SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMS AND EFFECTIVE TRANSITION TO OTHER FORMS OF SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT. REFERENCE WOULD BE MADE PARTICULARLY TO SHORTAGES OF PL 480 COMMODITIES AND PRESSURES TO ALLOT COMMODITIES TO NON-OIL LDCS, PRESSURES ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN GENERAL, OIL PRICE QUESTION, AND SEVERE CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONING OF ALL PROGRAMS, INCLUDING EXIM.
 - 7) CONTINUING INTEREST OF U.S. PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN INDONESIA AND IMPORTANCE OF INVESTMENT CLIMATE.
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